

CT-25

circa 1800

LETCHWORTH'S CHANCE

The initial stage of this large, three part frame house is the two and one half story, three bay Federal main block. It has two exterior chimneys ~~at~~ at one end and a modern two story pillared porch at the principle facade. In the mid-19th. century a lower two story addition was built to the chimney end. A more recent addition stands at the opposite end of the main block.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Letchworth's Chance

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

MD Rt. 263 (Plum Point Road)

CITY, TOWN

Plum Point

VICINITY OF

STATE

MD

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

COUNTY

Calvert**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Robert D. Nield

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. 263

CITY, TOWN

Plum Point

VICINITY OF

MD

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Calvert County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick

STATE

MD

Liber #: JLB 93

Folio #: 231

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house has grown in several directions during several periods resulting in a huge dwelling. It commands an ideal hilltop site which gives a fine view of the Bay and the fertile valley to the south.

It is presumed that the north section is the oldest portion of the house. This $1\frac{1}{2}$ story wing has one room down and one up. There is an exterior chimney on the north end that served both the main room and a semi-detached log kitchen that has been demolished. The Nield family have owned this property since the late Nineteenth Century and have discovered much in the way of archaeological finds. Mr. Bob Nield remembers that while replacing the floors in the north wing (c.1922) charred sills were found beneath indicating that even this building is not the first on the site.

During the Federal period a $2\frac{1}{2}$ story house was built onto the south end of the north section. It is a side-hall and double parlor plan. The parlors are separated by large double doors and each has its own fireplace. Typically Federal mantles, mouldings, bulls-eye corner blocks, etc., decorate all of the rooms in this portion of the house. The hall contains a grand stairs which has a black walnut bannister that winds all of the way to the third level. The second floor is identical to the first in plan and there is a loft room on the third level. Pit-sawn rafters, lap-joined and pegged at the apex were observed in the attic.

The other portions of the house have been built since 1925. A substantial addition extended the house further south in the 1950's. It was at this time that the huge portico was added on the east facade. Mr. Nield remembers that the previous porch was a single story affair running across the entire facade. The east side of the house was considered the "back" and it contains the asymmetrical window which lights the stairs and hall.

Several early outbuildings survive. One is a brick dairy which was rebuilt by Mr. B. Nield's father in 1922. Prior to then it had a cornical roof. The brick walls support heavy hewn plates which are c. 2' off of the ground. These plates support the over hanging gable-end roof. The building measures $8\frac{1}{2}$ ' wide and 10' deep. A door vents the south end and gives access to the pit; a tiny window vents each of the other three sides.

There is a meathouse which, along with the dairy, stands on the south side of the property in close proximity to where the log kitchen stood. The meathouse is of log construction although the degree to which the logs have been finished might make them more properly called "planks". Each is pit sawn to measure 7" wide and 3" thick. They are

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

Description and significance statements : Wayne Nield

NAME / TITLE

Merry Stinson

ORGANIZATION

Form compiled by:

*architectural consultant*February 1978
DATE

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis, Md. 21401

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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lap-notched and laid with c. 3" of space in between. They are not clinched and random width feather edge weather board was nailed to the exterior side. Some of these weatherboards remain on the north wall and measure up to 14" wide. The building measures up to 14" wide. The building measures 10'4" in depth (exterior) and 14' in length. The eaves are 6'3" above the ground.

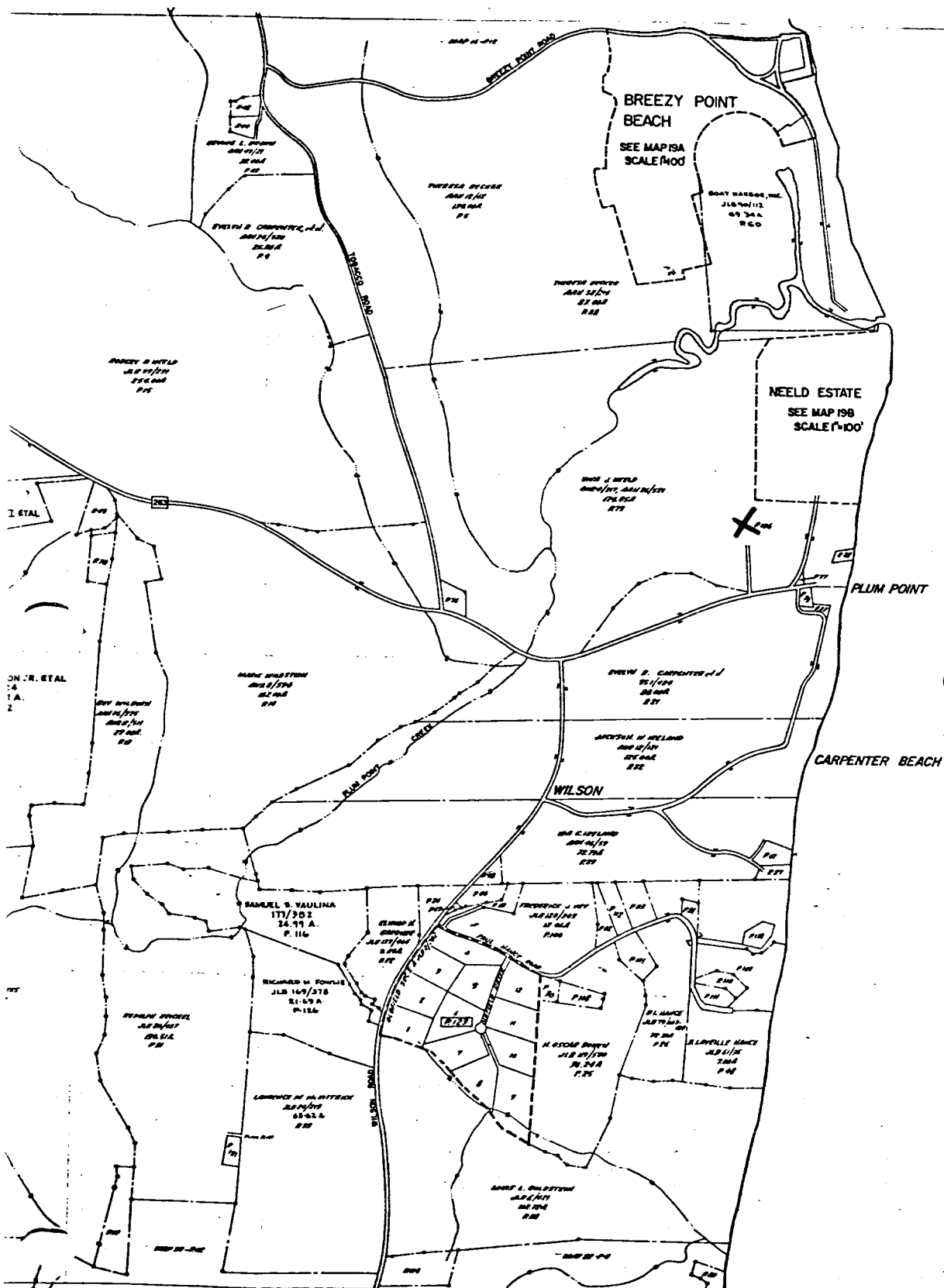
The interior has been whitewashed, there is evidence of smoking. The tie beams are made from what are apparently reused beaded ceiling joists. (The meathouse across the road at CT-26 does too as does the one at CT-50.)

There are two tobacco barns on the property. Both are in poor condition and will be demolished. Barn #1 is closest to the house. It is a ten room barn with a single transverse sill. A south shed was added to house animals and until it collapsed, protected the original siding on the original south wall. Both 2' riven clapboards and 14' feather edged weatherboard were observed, both being attached with machine cut nails. Barn #2 has the same hewn post-and-beam frame as #1, however, it is a fourteen room barn with two transverse sills that establish a central passage between two bays.

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1. STATE Maryland		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY	
COUNTY Calvert County		INVENTORY CT-25	
TOWN Plum Point VICINITY		2. NAME Letchworth's Chance	
STREET NO. Plum Point		DATE OR PERIOD C. 1790	
ORIGINAL OWNER Samuel Chew		STYLE Maryland Colonial	
ORIGINAL USE Dwelling		ARCHITECT	
PRESENT OWNER --		BUILDER	
PRESENT USE Dwelling		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
WALL CONSTRUCTION Wide Clapboard			
NO. OF STORIES 2-1/2			
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION			
OPEN TO PUBLIC NO			
<p>This is a large complex structure composed of a 2-1/2 story main house, with a new wing on the left, and an old one on the right. The main house and the old wing are C. 1790. The main house is three bays wide with the door on the left side. The first story windows are 9/6, all the rest are 6/6. There are 2 pedimented 6/6 dormers in the roof. The roof is carried out over the front to make a two story porch. There are two chimneys on the left end of the main house, separated from the wall above the second story level. The wing on the right is three bays wide, with the door on the right, with an exterior chimney on the right end. There is a fireplace on the outside of this chimney, showing where a kitchen was once attached to the house. There is a small out-building of vertical siding and there is an old brick well house.</p> <p>This house commands a superb view of the Bay, high on a hill on Neeld Point.</p> <p>Although run-down and needing many repairs, this could be an attractive dwelling and is historically important.</p> <p><u>In need of repairs</u></p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE			
Endangered		Interior	Exterior
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)			
7. PHOTOGRAPH			
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER	
		PAB 7/24/67	
		DATE OF RECORD	

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CHESAPEAKE BAY

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TAX MAP DIVISION

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BE ABLE TO OBTAIN THE BEST POSSIBLE RESULTS
IN THE EVENT OF A LIQUIDATION OF THE CORPORATION.

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DATE: _____

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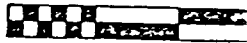
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